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Assignee: Cardinal IG Company

For: IMPROVED MASKING FOR
INSULATING GLASS UNITS,
MONOLITHIC PANES, AND OTHER
SUBSTRATES

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's representatives would like to thank Examiner Tran A for extending them the courtesy of a personal interview on June 10, 2004 to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, as required by MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if the Examiner believes this Interview Summary contains any material inaccuracies or if the Examiner believes this Summary is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Tran A; (2) Applicant's attorney, John Dolan; and
(3) Applicant's attorney, Eric J. Snustad

A masked IG unit specimen was shown.

Claims 1 and 48 were discussed during the interview.

The following prior art was discussed during the interview: (1) U.S. Patent 5,735,089 (Smith et al.); (2) U.S. Patent 5,866,260 (Adams, Jr. et al.); (3) U.S. Patent 2,874,423 (Berg); and (4) U.S. Patent 3,837,949 (Eckert).

No agreement was reached during the interview.

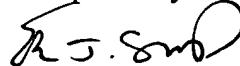
No amendments were proposed by Applicant's counsel during the interview. The Examiner proposed specifying in claim 48 that claimed masking material is a flexible masking material.

The general thrust of the principal arguments made during the interview were: (1) that any combination of Adams Jr. and Eckert would fail to achieve the masking configuration of overlapped strips in claim 1 (as is further detailed in the present Office Action response); and (2) that the proposed combination of Smith and Berg would not achieve all the limitations of claim 48, particularly the masking film extending beneath a frame, wherein glazing compound is between the pane and the frame, but not so far as to engage the glazing compound.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

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